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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief
Clerk and Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101
Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South
Carolina 29210

**Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding Initiated Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20(C): Generic Docket to (1) Investigate and Determine the Costs and Benefits of the Current Net Energy Metering Program and (2) Establish a Methodology for Calculating the Value of the Energy Produced by Customer-Generators
Docket No. 2019-182-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to the Revised Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines filed in the above-referenced docket on August 27, 2020, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC”), and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP” and together with DEC, the “Companies”), hereby notify the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) of the order in which they intend to present their witnesses during the hearing in this docket set to begin on November 17, 2020 and scheduled through November 18, 2020. The Companies plan to call their witnesses in the following order:

1. George Brown (direct)
2. Leigh Ford (direct)
3. Dr. Julius A. Wright (direct and rebuttal)
4. Bradley Harris/Lon Huber (Panel)(direct and rebuttal)

Due to the interrelated contents of their testimony, the Companies request to present witnesses Lon Huber and Bradley Harris in panel format, whereby they will jointly receive and respond to questions from the Commissioners and other interested parties.¹ From a technology

¹ The Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefiling Testimony Deadlines filed on July 29 included instructions for the parties to indicate their desire to use a panel. The Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefiling Testimony Deadlines filed on August 27 was silent on these items. The Companies are aware of the Commission’s general concerns relating to the use of panels for virtual proceedings. The Companies propose a limited panel which they believe is consistent with any concerns the Commission might have. If the Commission prefers for witnesses to be called individually, the Companies request to call Witness Harris fourth and conclude with Witness Huber.

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standpoint the Companies would envision both Mr. Harris and Mr. Huber being sworn in, delivering their testimony summaries individually and then being offered for questioning. The Companies believe allowing this panel will expedite the proceedings, and the witnesses understand the importance of not speaking over one another in a manner which could frustrate the work of the court reporter or live stream presentation.

Further, the Companies have been advised that Witness Huber has been scheduled to testify before the Florida Public Service Commission on November 17, 2020 on behalf of Duke Energy Florida (DEF). This scheduling occurred after the DEC/DEP hearing had been scheduled in this proceeding. DEF explored the possibility of moving the hearing date with the Florida Commission, but given other matters before the Florida Commission, the hearing date cannot be moved. DEF is able, however, to take Mr. Huber's testimony out of order, such that he will appear on direct and rebuttal entirely on the first day of the CEC hearing (November 17). While this is not the ideal preferred way to handle Mr. Huber's testimony in the Florida hearing, DEF has obtained an accommodation for Mr. Huber to appear before the Florida Commission on November 17, which will allow Mr. Huber to appear in South Carolina on November 18th.

The Companies respectfully request to present Mr. Huber and Mr. Harris as a panel on November 18. If the Commission does not grant this request, then the Companies respectfully request to present Mr. Harris then Mr. Huber on November 18th due to the interrelated nature of their testimony.

The Companies have no objection to direct and rebuttal being taken together during the hearing. By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record via electronic mail.

Sincerely,



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cc: Parties of record (via email w/enc.)